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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
as of 1800

1. As of 1800 the situation seems basically unchanged from that of 1600 when the rebels still had the initiative in the capital. Long-range sniper fire was being directed at the US Embassy, and rebels were once again on the air broadcasting inflammatory statements.
2. There have been new reports that other Latin American embassies have been violated by rebels.
3. At 1655 EDT the Defense Department authorized landing of additional marines and heavy equipment which will bring the total ashore to some 1,700.
4. The 2,000 paratroopers from Fort Bragg are expected to arrive at Ramey Air Force Base between 0400-0600 EDT tomorrow morning.
5. This morning's meeting of the OAS Council found serious concern on the part of the members, both with the Dominican situation and also with the unilateral US intervention outside the OAS system. The Latin American countries are reported to be unhappy over the US action because they were not consulted in advance. This afternoon the OAS Council approved a wire to the Papal Nuncio in Santo Domingo, appealing to him to seek a cease-fire. The OAS is to reconvene at 2000 hours tonight.

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c. Rivera Cuesta has some 200 at the Quarter-master Headquarters and Naval Chief Rivera Caminero is assembling 100 men at the fair grounds.

6. Police effectives are impossible to estimate but only a few are available for combat.

7. The junta has failed to bring in reinforcements because of a lack of communications and initiative.